

REMARKS

Claim 4 is canceled herein. Claims 1-3 and 5-20 now remain pending in the application.

Allowability of Claims 8-20

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicating that claims 8-10 are allowed.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3-7 and 11-20 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 11 and 16 are amended herein to correct for any 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections. Claim 4 is canceled herein, with claim 1 amended herein to incorporate limitation from now canceled claim 4. The Applicants respectfully request an indication that claims 3, 5-7 and 11-20 are now allowed.

35 USC 112 Second Paragraph Rejection of Claims 11-20

The Office Action rejected claims 11-20 as allegedly being indefinite under 35 USC 112. In particular, the Examiner alleged that claims 11-20 are mis-descriptive. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Office Action alleges that only voltage controlled oscillator(s) selected by a state machine for calibration will be used in a frequency locked loop and subsequently controlled by an accumulator output (See Office Action, page 2).

Although the Examiner reading of Applicants' specification appears correct, Applicants claims 11-20 are directed to the facet of Applicants invention of tightening a tolerance band between a plurality of voltage controlled oscillators. Thus, claims 11-20 accurately recite features need to tightening a tolerance band between a plurality of voltage controlled oscillators and are NOT directed to selection of which of the plurality of voltage controlled oscillators tighten a tolerance band for.

Moreover, the Examiner alleged that the frequency locked loop that compares a frequency output from any of a plurality of voltage controlled oscillators to a reference frequency actually refers to a frequency discriminator or

comparator and not to the frequency locked loop itself (See Office Action, page 3).

Claims 11-20 are amended herein to recite "a frequency locked calibration loop" to clarify that the recited frequency locked loop includes calibration components, i.e., such as a comparator.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 11-20 are now in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 11-20 under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 over Kenney

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,803,827 to Kenney et al. ("Kenney"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

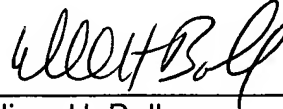
Claim 1 is amended herein to recite limitations from now canceled claim 4 that was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully request an indication that claim 1 is now allowed.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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